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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TUDJMAN RESPONDS TO AKASHI ON THE
SIX POINTS FROM KNIN NEGOTIATIONS

FOLLOWING IS THE HINA TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT
TUDJMAN'S RESPONSE TO THE SIX POINTS NEGOTIATED IN KNIN
BY UNPF YASUSHI AKASHI.

BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN RESPONSE TO YOUR FAX WHICH I
RECEIVED AT 9:30 PM TODAY ENCLOSING PROPOSALS BY THE
REBEL SERB LEADERSHIP IN KNIN, I STATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. IT IS SURPRISING THAT YOU MAKE NO MENTION OF
UNCRO -- THE UNITED NATIONS' PEACE KEEPING FORCES,
WHICH UNDER THAT NAME GOT THE MANDATE IN THE REPUBLIC
OF CROATIA BY A UN RESOLUTION, WHILE YOU MENTION THE
KNIN LEADERSHIP AND RSK;

2. WE FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE THAT UNCRO BE DEPLOYED ONLY
ALONG THE BORDER TOWARDS THE BIHAC POCKET. OUR DEMAND
WAS AND STILL IS THAT UNCRO TAKE OVER THE CONTROL OF
THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDERS BETWEEN THE
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REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA, BUT AT THE
SAME TIME BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND SERBIA,
THAT IS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA. THIS
REPRESENTS A BURNING ISSUE IN THE LIGHT OF NEW
DEPLOYMENT OF YUGOSLAV ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT ACROSS
THE DANUBE RIVER;

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ITEM NUMBER 2, WE REFUSE
THAT UN MILITARY OBSERVERS FOR BORDER CONTROL BE
DEPLOYED ONLY IN THE AREA OF MT. DINARA.

4. REBEL SERB LEADERS AGAIN WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OVER UN AND UNCRO WHICH CAN BE SEEN FROM THEIR PROPOSAL
TO LET HUMANITARIAN AID CONVOYS ENTER BIHAC ONLY IF AT
THE SAME TIME THEY RECEIVE HUMANITARIAN AID.

5. SUCH PROPOSALS ARE NO BASIS FOR A PEACEFUL
REINTEGRATION AND DO NOT CONTAIN ANSWERS TO ANY OF THE
CONDITIONS I MADE DURING THE TALKS WITH YOU ON
SATURDAY, 29 JULY, 1995, WHEN I EXPLICITLY SAID THAT
THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CROATIAN REBEL SERBS COULD
START UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A) THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES SHALL NOT CONDUCT
TALKS WITH MILAN MARTIC, WHO WAS PUT BY THE
INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IN DEN HAGUE ON THE
LIST OF WAR CRIMINALS, AS WELL AS WITH NO OTHER PERSON
SPEAKING ON HIS BEHALF

B) DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE
OPENING OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH RUN THROUGH THE
OCCUPIED AREAS, ESPECIALLY OF THE ZAGREB-KNIN-SPLIT
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C) AT THE SAME TIME, TALKS ON THE IMMEDIATE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CROATIAN CONSTITUTION ON THE

OCCUPIED AREAS SHALL BEGIN, AS WELL AS THE TALKS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ACT ON SERB ETHNIC COMMUNITY'S RIGHTS.

16. ONLY ON THESE BASES IS IT POSSIBLE TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND START THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVIL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE CROATIAN REBEL SERBS.

END TEXT.
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